



Second European Summit on Private Security

“Public-private security partnership” The Spanish model

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Preface White Paper

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- "Examining the role of private security in overall security in Europe is a way of looking after the everyday security of European citizens (...) Private security firms are being called upon more and more to assist states in providing this protection, and at the same time creating new wealth in the form of jobs and business (...) Supply and demand of security is more urgent and quality-focused than ever due to the gap created by an inevitable reduction in state spending and the sharing of missions between the different segments of the security market(...)The goal is to co-produce public-private security solutions" (Nicolás Sarkozy)."



The Spanish Model



Private Security is founded from a constitutional law perspective, through a special relationship with the Public Security Forces.

Public Security Forces have the mission of guaranteeing and protecting the citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms.

Private Security is defined as being complementary and subordinated to Public Security Forces. Private Security also has additional requirements of co-operation with Public Security Forces.



Public Security

- There is only **ONE GLOBAL SECURITY**. It can be performed either by public or by private services.
- **Public Security Services: The different competent Security Forces**
- **Private Security: Companies, Licensed personnel, security measures, security services.**
- **Private Security is integrated in the whole public security system: external resource**



Private Security

- **Professional activity regulated by law with constitutional justification.**
- **Specialised and exclusive activity for security companies and personnel.**
- **Complementary and subordinated activity. Special co-operation with Public Security.**
- **Authorisation, scrutiny, inspection and sanction: competence of the Public Administration.**



Strategic Plan 2008-2012

- To give an answer to current existing security needs
- To allow private security to take part in fields currently assigned to Public Security. Private security must have the possibility of performing additional kind of services.



Elements of the Spanish Private Security Model

1º) Regulated and controlled sector.

Professional activity completely regulated. Previous authorisation, permanent scrutiny, inspection and sanction by Public Authorities. Police performs these duties.



Elements of the Spanish Private Security Model

2º) Complementary to Police

**Private security personnel, means and services are complementary to Private Security in different areas and occasions:
Airports and Maritime premises;
Infrastructures, Police arrangements
(Sport and Music events, Preventive Plans,
etc)**



Elements of the Spanish Private Security model

3^o) Subordinated to the Authority

Private Security companies and personnel have a legal duty to follow the instructions provided to them by Public Security Forces, exclusively related to the performed services.



Elements of the Spanish Private Security Model

4^o) Reinforced co-operation

Private Security companies and personnel have a special duty to help Public Security when so required. They have the obligation to provide Public Security with the information they have on criminal behaviour or relevant facts from the citizens' security perspective



Elements of the Spanish Private Security model

5^o) Case by case subsidiarity

Incipient incorporation in the current regulatory system of concrete cases where Private Security substitutes Public Security: escort services to public authorities and personalities, ships protection, stowaways custody, etc.



Outcomes and conclusions

- **Extremely good relationship between Security Public Administration and the private security sector**
- **Good Symbiosis between Public and Private Security Services.**
- **Acceptance of the model by 80% of the total citizens. Satisfaction in general terms.**
- **Very Positive implications both from a security perspective and a economic growth perspective.**
- **Possible increase of the subsidiarity elements**
- **It is possible to achieve more freedom and security being at the same time compatible with welfare and quality of life.**



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